

**HR5-4-101 Approval for a meeting or activity paid for by lobbyist, principal, or government officer.**

- (1) This rule governs the approval of a meeting or activity as authorized by Utah Code Title 36, Chapter 11, Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act, which provides that travel to, lodging at, food or beverage served at, sponsorship of an official event of, official entertainment at, and admission to an approved meeting or activity are not expenditures regulated by the act.
- (2) As provided by Utah Code Section 36-11-102, an "approved meeting or activity" means a meeting or an activity:
  - (a) to which a representative is invited;
  - (b) the expenses for the representative's attendance at which are paid by a lobbyist, principal, or state or federal government officer; and
  - (c) the legislator's attendance at which is approved by the speaker of the House.
- (3) The speaker of the House may only approve a meeting or an activity if:
  - (a) the primary purpose of the meeting or activity is to provide information on issues that the House may consider; and
  - (b) any sporting, recreational, or artistic event provided as an official event or entertainment of the meeting or activity is not the primary purpose of the meeting or activity.
- (4)
  - (a) A representative shall submit a written request for approval of a meeting or activity to the speaker of the House.
  - (b) A written request shall contain:
    - (i) the meeting's or activity's date and location;
    - (ii) a description of the meeting's or activity's primary purpose;
    - (iii) a list of any official event or entertainment provided as part of the meeting or activity; and
    - (iv) the name of a lobbyist, principal, or state or federal government officer paying for any item described in Subsection (1) and the estimated cost of the item.
- (5) Within two business days of approving a meeting or activity, the written request and approval shall be posted on the House's website.